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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

### **Listing of Claims**

1-54. **(Canceled)**

55. **(Currently Amended)** A kit for detecting HIV-2 nucleic acids, comprising a packaged combination of the following components in one or more containers:

(a) a first amplification oligonucleotide that consists of SEQ ID NO:10 and optionally comprises a 5' promoter sequence non-complementary to the HIV-2 nucleic acid [comprising a sequence of 9-34 contiguous bases contained within the sequence of SEQ ID NO:9, said first amplification oligonucleotide having a length of up to 100 nucleotides]; and

(b) a second amplification oligonucleotide comprising a sequence of 19-40 contiguous bases from the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, said second amplification oligonucleotide having a length of up to 100 nucleotides.

56. **(Original)** The kit of Claim 55, further comprising:

(c) an oligonucleotide detection probe that comprises the sequence of SEQ ID NO:21 or the complement thereof, and a detectable label.

57. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 55, wherein the length of the second amplification oligonucleotide is 19-40 nucleotides.

58. **(Currently Amended)** The kit of Claim 57, wherein the length of the first amplification oligonucleotide is up to 60 [[18-60]] nucleotides.

59-61. **(Canceled)**

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62. **(Currently Amended)** The kit of Claim 57, wherein the length of the first amplification oligonucleotide is [[18-60]] up to 60 nucleotides, [[and]] wherein the first amplification oligonucleotide further comprises a includes said optional 5' promoter sequence.

63. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 57, wherein the length of the second amplification oligonucleotide is 19-21 nucleotides.

64. **(Canceled)**

65. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 58, wherein the length of the second amplification oligonucleotide is 19-21 nucleotides.

66. **(Currently Amended)** The kit of Claim 62, wherein the first amplification oligonucleotide is [[a]] the promoter-primer ~~selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:19.~~

67. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 65, wherein the second amplification oligonucleotide is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6 and SEQ ID NO:7.

68. **(Currently Amended)** The kit of Claim 65, wherein the first amplification oligonucleotide ~~further comprises a~~ includes said optional 5' promoter sequence.

69. **(Currently Amended)** The kit of Claim 68, wherein the first amplification oligonucleotide is [[a]] the promoter-primer ~~selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:19.~~

70. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 68, wherein the second amplification oligonucleotide is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6 and SEQ ID NO:7.

71. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 69, wherein the second amplification oligonucleotide is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6 and SEQ ID NO:7.

72. **(Currently Amended)** The kit of Claim 55, wherein the length of the first amplification oligonucleotide is [[18-25]] 25 nucleotides, and wherein the length of the second amplification oligonucleotide is 19-21 nucleotides.

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73. **(Cancelled)**

74. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 72, wherein the second amplification oligonucleotide is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6 and SEQ ID NO:7.

75. **(Currently Amended)** The kit of Claim [[73]] 72, wherein the second amplification oligonucleotide is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6 and SEQ ID NO:7.

76. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 56, wherein said oligonucleotide detection probe has a length of up to 18 nucleotides.

77. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 76, wherein the sequence of said oligonucleotide detection probe is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:26 and SEQ ID NO:27.

78. **(Currently Amended)** The kit of Claim 77, wherein the sequence of the first amplification oligonucleotide is ~~selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:14, or SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:19~~, wherein the sequence of the second amplification oligonucleotide is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6 and SEQ ID NO:7, and wherein the sequence of the oligonucleotide detection probe is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:26 and SEQ ID NO:27.

79. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 56, wherein said oligonucleotide detection probe has a length of up to 35 nucleotides.

80. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 79, wherein the length of said oligonucleotide detection probe is up to 22 nucleotides.

81. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 80, wherein said oligonucleotide detection probe comprises at least 16 contiguous nucleotides contained within the sequence of SEQ ID NO:20 or the complement thereof.

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82. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 81, wherein said oligonucleotide detection probe has the sequence of SEQ ID NO:20 or the complement thereof.

83. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 81, wherein said oligonucleotide detection probe has a length of up to 18 nucleotides.

84. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 83, wherein the length of said oligonucleotide detection probe is 18 nucleotides.

85. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 83, wherein said oligonucleotide detection probe has a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:22 or the complement thereof, SEQ ID NO:23 or the complement thereof, SEQ ID NO:24 or the complement thereof, SEQ ID NO:25 or the complement thereof, SEQ ID NO:26 or the complement thereof, and SEQ ID NO:27 or the complement thereof.

86. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 79, wherein said oligonucleotide detection probe comprises DNA.

87. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 79, wherein said oligonucleotide detection probe comprises at least one nucleotide analog.

88. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 87, wherein said at least one nucleotide analog comprises a methoxy group at the 2' position of a ribose moiety.

89. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 85, wherein the detectable label is a chemiluminescent label or a radiolabel.

90. **(Previously Presented)** The kit of Claim 89, wherein the detectable label is an acridinium ester.

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**REPLACEMENT OF THE SEQUENCE LISTING**

Please remove the original paper version of the Sequence Listing from the Application.  
Please insert the enclosed Substitute Sequence Listing pages 1-6 after page 51 of the Specification.

A computer-readable form of the Substitute Sequence Listing is also enclosed.